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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 3663

> PATENT 4450-0370P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Sridhar Balakrisnan et al.

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Appl. No.:

09/677,344

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Examiner: CUNNINGHAM

For:

THREE STAGE OPTICAL AMPLIFIER HAVING

FLAT SPECTRAL GAIN

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA .22313-1450 September 30, 2003

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated April 30, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-5,7-21, 23 and 24.

This document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of two (2) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a).

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Appeal.

$\Box$	Applicant	claims	small	entity	status.	See	37	C.F.R.	S	1.2	7.

The Government fee for filing a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals is calculated as follows:

∐ Large entity - \$320.00

☐ Small Entity - \$160.00

Therefore, the TOTAL FEE due for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$730.00.

Payment of the above TOTAL FEE is being made in the following manner:

☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$730.00 is enclosed.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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